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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: ESTC, COCOM, US, UR, FR  
SUBJECT: U.S. STRETCH FORM PRESS TO USSR - IL 1081  
(CYRIL BATH CASE)

REF: COCOM DOC. (78)108

1. GERMAN DELEGATION HAS ISSUED STATEMENT (COCOM DOC. (78) 108.12) INDICATING THAT GERMAN AUTHORITIES CAN APPROVE SUBJECT CASE ONLY IF END-USER IS CIVILIAN MANUFACTURER, THE STRETCH PRESS WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PRODUCTION OF CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT, AND PRODUCTION OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT SHEET WITH THE PRESS WILL BE EXCLUDED. TEXT OF STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. TEXT:

THE GERMAN EXPERTS ASSUME THAT THE STRETCH FORM PRESS IN QUESTION IS STATE OF THE ART. THEY THINK THAT THE FACT THAT THE MACHINE USED 1956 TECHNOLOGY AND HAD A 1965 MACHINERY CONFIGURATION (SEE COCOM DOC. (78) 108.9 PARA 2) IS RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT. SINCE THE  
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STRETCH FORM PRESS HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR THE FORMING OF AIRCRAFT SHEET AND SINCE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT, IT IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE FOR THE GERMAN APPROVAL THAT THE END-USER AND THE TRUE END-USE BE CLEARLY INDICATED. THE ANSWERS GIVEN SO FAR TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE END-USER AND THE TRUE END-USE OF THE STRETCH FORM PRESS

(SEE COCOM DOC. (78) 108.3, PARA 6; 108.4 PARA 6; 108.9  
PARA 2 AND 108.11 PARA 4) DO NOT SUFFICE FOR A POSITIVE  
POSITION ON THE US REQUEST.

IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT THE STRETCH FORM PRESS  
WOULD BE USED FOR ECONOMICAL PRODUCTION OF FORMED  
SHEET FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND WOULD, THUS,  
STRENGTHEN THE ARMAMENT POTENTIAL OF THE USSR.  
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE GERMAN  
AUTHORITIES, THERE IS AN IMPORTANT GAP IN THE USSR IN  
THE SECTOR OF NON-CUTTING FORMING MACHINES. IN SPITE  
OF INCREASED EFFORTS MADE BY THE SOVIET INDUSTRY, THIS  
GAP CAN ONLY BE CLOSED TO SOME EXTENT BY THE IMPORT OF  
WESTERN PRODUCTS.

THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES CAN, THEREFORE, APPROVE THE  
UNITED STATES REQUEST ONLY UNDER THE FOLLOWING THREE  
CONDITIONS:

A) THAT THE END-USER IS, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, A  
STRICTLY CIVILIAN PRODUCER,

B) THAT THE STRETCH FORM PRESS WOULD BE USED  
EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FORMED  
SHEET FOR CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT,

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C) THAT ANY USE OF THE FORMED SHEET, PRODUCED  
WITH THIS STRETCH FORM PRESS, FOR THE MANU-  
FACTURE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT BE EXCLUDED.

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